

Attn: The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

I am writing a testimony in opposition to H.B.5653.

My name is Joseph Petruzzi, and I serve in the following capacity:

- President of the Woodbury-Southbury Rod & Gun Club
- Delegate to the Northwest Connecticut Sportsmen Council
- Instructor for the Connecticut Hunter Safety Education Course

Firearms and ammunition are already subject to an 11% tax in addition to the Connecticut sales tax of 6.35%. I believe any additional tax will make it more difficult for law-abiding citizens financially struggling with the current state of the economy to purchase ammunition for target shooting, hunting and training.

I believe this bill to be a sin tax and will penalize responsible gun owners for the acts of criminals. This bill will not deter the criminal element from obtaining firearms and ammunition illegally to commit heinous crimes.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony and hope you will take it under advisement.

Respectfully submitted,

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